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That Was The Month That Was

by Kathy Polidoro



Time marches on as we near the "home stretch" of the school year. Spring with its blue skies, warm weather, and long days has arrived.

Yes, it is that time of year when the thought of a long, carefree summer pervades the mind of every student and the thought of study and homework suddenly (!) becomes rather sickening.

During the annual week long spring vacation, the Pittsfield High Cadettes, accompanied by Miss McNoughton, Miss Hearn and Miss Guiltinan spent four days in Washington, D.C. They left by bus early Monday morning, April 18, to stay at the Stones Motel in Alexandria, just outside of Washington. During their stay, they visited such landmarks as the White House, the Capitol Building, the Smithsonian Institute, the Lincoln and Washington Memorials, Arlington National Cemetery, and the grave site of John F. Kennedy, as well as viewing a performance of "Dr. Zhivago" before returning Thursday evening.

On Friday, April 30, the First Naval District Band put on a practice performance for the juniors and sophomores. The concert consisted of various types of selections ranging from classical to modern "bop" music. They also had singing groups and individuals. In one number, a member of the band played "Hello Dolly" to one of the student body, Sue Block. In the mist of paper airplanes and other antics, the applause and laughter of the audience showed their appreciation of the performance. Later that same evening, the band gave a concert open to the public at the high school.

Baseball season is once again under way at PHS. The Generals are 4-0 in independent play and 2-0 in league action, having defeated St. Joe, North Adams and Mount Greylock. Thus the team under the direction of Coach "Bud" Pellerin boasts an undefeated record. The Generals are seen in action at Clapp Park for home games.

This time of year, mainly for seniors and juniors (but I think we can be safe in including some sophomores as well,) is also known as "Prom Time." The theme of the Senior Prom, to be held June 15, is "The Twelfth of Never" while the Junior Prom, June 3, is based on "Wonderland Through a Looking Glass." Chairmen for both have been busy organizing committees the past month. After both occasions, an "after party" is being held at the Bubble room. It is getting tense as the time draws nearer, so I hope he asks you.

Girl Type of the Month — The Psychologist. She knows why you behave as you do and won't hesitate to tell you. It all goes back to your hatred of your mother and father. In fact, upon analysis you come out looking pretty mixed up. (She has no problems of her own of course.)

Review

"You Can't Take It With You"

Mr. McKenna On Teenagers

by Joe McGovern

Teen-agers caught up in today's rapidly evolving society command the attention of (the) psychologists, sociologists, and parents everywhere. The teen movement of the sixties has produced revolutionary attitudes among the younger generation. The youth of today has been switched on! They have been seized by a sense of change and liberated by a new-found affluence. Teen-agers swing; they are the scene; they are where the action is — Batman's great, but the Stones are the most.

Psychology

How has the psychology of the current crop of teen-agers affected conditions at Pittsfield High? Mr. Edward McKenna, vice-



Mr. McKenna

...not so radically different...

principal and dean of boys at PHS is eminently qualified to evaluate the current teenage spirit, attitudes, and mores. Mr. McKenna may well boast of an excellent educational background — a bachelor's degree from Holy Cross College and a Master's degree in education from Harvard University. For many years, Mr. McKenna enjoyed an exceptional reputation as an English teacher at PHS. As many students are willing to testify a sense of fairness is one of his outstanding characteristics in the discharge of his



Photo by Mark Mitchell

Members of the cast for "You Can't Take It With You" pose during a recent rehearsal. The play opens tonight and will also be presented tomorrow night. The production is directed by Jayne Mooney.

duties. His austere manner, however, hides a keen sense of humor which, unfortunately, circumstances do not often permit him to display.

In spite of the many distractions facing the teen-ager, Mr. McKenna explained that "the teen-ager of today is not so radically different from the student of a few years ago. Today's students on the whole work much harder scholastically, because the demands upon a high school student are much greater today. Colleges are expecting more and more, so today's student must work harder in order to keep up the rugged pace."

Way-out fashion in teen-age clothing is spreading around the world, and so are the way-out hairdos. When questioned about the mode of dress at PHS, Mr. McKenna acknowledged that "some of it is much less than perfect, but we try to allow for a degree of individuality. In a school of this size, a set standard of dress would be hard to impose due to many conditions. While I haven't noticed any radically different fashions, I have seen a few haircuts resembling English sheep dogs."

The new teen generation which recently has emerged is really swinging — but swinging in a far more profound sense than the way-out fashions or spinning discs of the Stones would indicate. The teens of today are also interested in the development of events close at hand. During the past year at Pittsfield High, the Student Council has undertaken an effort to modernize the exams given at PHS. Mr. McKenna noted that "this is the first time a student-body group has attempted to bring about any changes in the school program. This year there has been an effectively close relationship between the council and the school administration. They have made a very healthy start. Next year, with double sessions, we need all the cooperation possible between students and faculty. Double sessions will be inconvenient to say the least, but they will (also) have some distinct advantages — smaller classes and two-level courses for the sophomores."

In spite of all the dire predictions about the youth of today, there are members of the administrative staff at Pittsfield High who are not giving up on them.

by Dave Glodt

At 8:15 tonight the big red curtain opens on what will mark a first at Pittsfield High in well over a decade. Instead of the usual musical there will be a rollicking Moss Hart comedy "You Can't Take It With You." If the past few rehearsals are any indication, the production should be a smash.

The theater goer will find a fast moving show that will keep him in stitches. Besides being a zanny comedy the play has a group of actors that do an admirable job.

Leading Cast

Leading the cast is Phillip Rosen taking the part of Gramoa Vanderhof. Here is a man who has cast off the weights of the world and is "really" living. Rosen's manner is quite relaxed and his ability to demonstrate that "you can't take it with you" is the basis for the story. This is Rosen's first time on the stage and it shouldn't be his last.

Chris Comport is fantastic as the Russian dance instructor. Comport's accent is perfect and his endless energy keeps the audience alive. He is by far the most likeable character in the show.

Susan Grady is the forgetful and ridiculous Penny and fits in to the part more as a person than an actor. Miss Grady possesses all the movements that a person of Penny's character should have.

Wildest Part

The wildest part in the production is taken by Gloria Fry, who bounces around the stage trying to perfect her dancing ability.

Jayne Mooney has done a fine job of directing and the lighting by Peter Kipp is superb.

There are a number of actors who also deserve mention. Among them are Bill Winslow, Mike Curley, and Lisa Bertocci.

"You Can't Take It With You" is great. Go!

(We are sorry that this review was so brief. However, the review was saved for a last minute insert in fairness to the actors and production staff. Ed.)

Help Finance Your College Education

by Cookie Levinson

One of the greatest problems facing high school students and their families is that of financing a college education. Tuition and other costs are mounting, and the competition for scholarships is stiff. Campus jobs are very hard to get, and pay little. How, then, is the student to finance his education?

One answer to this problem is the college loan. There are many types of loans available. Some are given by the individual colleges, by the federal government, by banks, and by various organizations. Below is a brief summary of some of the loans available.

Borrow

Qualified students can borrow up to \$1,000 a year under the

National Defense Student Loan Program. Repayment of the loan does not begin until one year after the borrower ceases to be a full-time student. Payment must be completed in 10 years at the rate of 3 per cent a year. If a student becomes a teacher, he may get up to 50 per cent of the repayment cancelled.

Many colleges have a loan program, often combined with a part-time job, and-or scholarship grant. Students should write their colleges for information on qualifications.

Loans

Commercial banks also give loans to students whose families have a good credit rating. Interest is low, and repayment does not start until the student has completed his schooling.

There are many loans available to students interested in

certain careers, among these, scientific careers and nursing. Many of these sources are listed in a booklet entitled "Help Yourself," put out by Congressman Silvio O. Conte, and available in the guidance office. The booklet also lists sources from which students can get information concerning federal, state, and private loans and scholarships.

A large variety of loans are available to students who are the children of veterans, or who are interested in a military career. Interested students should write for information concerning these loans.

There are some books on the market listing sources of financial aid. Students interested in loans should write to these sources for information, or see their guidance counselors.

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EDITORIAL

Council Must Go

Westfield High recently held the annual Western Massachusetts Association of Student Councils Spring Conference at Westfield Junior High. Among schools attending this conference were Springfield Cathedral, Agawam, Chicopee, Easthampton, and St. Joseph's of Pittsfield. Twenty other high schools were in attendance and among them was Pittsfield High.

Pittsfield High, as the second largest high school in the Western Massachusetts area, is allowed to send at least seven voting delegates to a conference. The WMASC ruling is that any school with over 1501 students may send seven voting delegates and as many other council members as desired, providing that a fee is paid for each person who attends. The next question from that is expected from you is how many delegates did PHS send? As a matter of fact only two delegates were sent. Why? For two reasons —

It seems that council president Stan Graves felt that the council treasury, which now contains \$140 couldn't withstand the deduction of \$17.50 from the balance, for the conference, because there seemed to be some doubt as to the value of the conference. The general gripe among the council was "Why appropriate money for a conference that has no use?" The second reason for not sending a greater number of delegates was the fact that the council did not get the letter announcing the conference until the date on which the letter was to be into the committee who handled conference attendance. A situation like this is not anyone's fault but the WMASC executive board's (three teacher advisors, a president, vice president and treasurer) and does not reflect at all on our own council.

Should PHS, as a major power on the high school level, have sent its quota of delegates to the conference? Yes, Why? Because how can anyone state the conference's value when he doesn't have any idea what such a conference is like.

Pittsfield High School is hardly known in the Springfield area; high schoolers in this district don't even know where Pittsfield is. We have made a big name for our school gridiron, basketball court, and baseball diamond, and on the track, green, and ice. Now let us make a name for PHS at the tables of student councils in Western Massachusetts and make a perfect sweep.

As We See It....

The current controversy over whether or not the Junior Engineer Engineering Technical society should come under the direct control of the school is a good example of students trying to keep control under pressure. We feel that the society should be a club for all Pittsfield high schools. The club's supporters, local industry, are the ones who should have the final say. However, it's a two-way street, if the club is not under school control it should concede to having field trips on weekends and not during school . . . The Student Council should hold elections this year for next September. This method is followed at most high schools and enables the council to get off to a quick start when the new year begins . . . The Pittsfield High track team is off to another fine year. They should have more support from the student body . . .

Opinion

John Birch Society—Good or Bad?

by Dan Ford

Now that we are heading full-steam into another election year the time has come once again to take a close look at the John Birch Society and evaluate its role on the American political scene. Undoubtedly, the campaigns of such noteworthy figures as John Tower in Texas and Ronald Reagan in California will be affected in part by entanglements with the JBS, and the outcomes may actually depend upon the activities of the Society. It seems a shame that so much will rest in the hands of a few irresponsible leaders who represent the views of a terribly small minority.

Short History

First of all, a short history of the JBS might be appropriate. Shortly before the Second World War, a man named John Birch went to China as a Baptist minister. Years later, when the stain of Communism began to spread over this Asian land, John Birch stood up and made it known that he was strongly opposed to a Communist take-over. As might be expected, he was murdered. In 1958, a group of his associates and admirers started a society which preached a policy of absolute opposition to the principles of Communism and socialism, and named it after John Birch. Among

its most prominent backers were two national representatives from California and Major General Edwin Walker of the United States Army.

Failed to Flourish

Now, nine years later, the JBS has failed to flourish. Leaders claim that, in order to function properly, a membership of at least one million is needed; at present the membership is slightly greater than one-tenth of that figure. Why has the JBS fallen short of its goals? The most obvious reason is that its leader, Mr. Robert Welch, has what might be bluntly summed up as a big mouth: His rash and irresponsible statements have given the whole society a very bad public image. When you make accusations such as the one by Mr. Welch that former President Eisenhower is a Communist, you are bound to make quite a few enemies for yourself. Nothing ever seems to please this man. Every slightly liberal program is labeled as part of a Communist plan for take-over. Every attempt to better our relations with the Communist world is supposed to be a blind act of treason from a Communist source. Mr. Welch can make anything and everything, from the assassination of President Kennedy to a drop in the stock market, sound like part of a mas-

sive Communist plot. We all know that if one cries "wolf" often enough, people no longer listen to him when he has something important to say. It is really tragic that this radical buffoon could gain control of the society. Most of the members are sincere people, devoted to the cause of stopping the spread of Communism. They also believe that sensible, level-headed means should be employed and that rash publicity should be avoided. The JBS has been labeled as a Republican right-wing splinter group, but the fact of the matter is that the number of registered Republicans, Democrats, and Independent voters in the society is just about equal. Since the opinions of Mr. Welch are apart from the membership of the JBS, many members choose to shun personal publicity and refuse to admit they are members.

This, I believe, is really catastrophic. It is my opinion that the JBS could do this country a great deal of good if only it were modernized and the leadership changed. The John Birch Society should not be such a "dirty word" among political philosophers. Its goals are extremely laudable. All that remains is to scrape the barnacles off the hull and make it a really streamlined vessel of anti-Communism.

Comment

Are We Curbing our Spending, Expanding and Investing To The Right Ends?

by Wills Flowers

Here we are in another election year. All over the country politicians are putting their best image forward and crossing their fingers. In Washington the Great Society Czars can point with pride to the fact that their programs have this country moving. Where are we going? Don't ask that question; it is something our leaders have yet to figure out.

It seems that a wolf has been discovered in this nation of sheep. Mr. Johnson, our Peerless President, has just discovered the evils of inflation. Alarmed, he has been urging the people to save, save, save. Business, labor, and even individuals are now exhorted to join the crusade against the evil in our midst. For example, business is told to curb its spending, expanding, and investing. This is a

free country but . . . Housewives are told to curb spending by serving hamburger instead of steak. However, is the government doing its part to cut its spending, or at least to spend efficiently? We should find out, especially if the government asks us to forswear steak — we get little enough of it anyway.

The War on Poverty is going on unchecked during this anti-inflation drive. Are we getting our money's worth, and is poverty being defeated? You bet it is! Just look at the salaries of the War on poverty officials — they will never fear the wolf at their doors! The Job Corps is doing useful work, too. It is training our young men in forestry and out-doorsmanship. This will be especially useful to them when they go back to their asphalt jungles in Manhattan.

Our Foreign Aid program also has little in the way of frugality. Is it effective? We seem to have fewer and fewer friends. In spite of all the money we give them, other countries still resent America's meddling in their affairs. De Gaulle, for instance, is so much against letting Americans run France that the State Department has punished him by making him its official scapegoat for everything that goes wrong in Europe. When you travel, stay away from American embassies if you are allergic to black ink. Oops! I forgot; you are supposed to see America first (and don't tell anyone that one of our president's daughters is going to Europe this summer).

Good Things

Although the country is supposed to economize, this does not stop the government from offering the people the good things in life. A bill providing for rent-subsidies for middle-income groups has just passed Congress. Apparently, the Administration has added the entire middle class to its list of underprivileged people. Who can we subsidize next, the Rockefeller's? Anyway, people of average income can now live in plush apartments at taxpayers' expense and fight inflation by turning out the lights and living on hamburger and beans.

Nerve

If you are one of the old fogeys who thinks that President Johnson has a lot of nerve asking the people to be as thrifty as the government is extravagant, if you are one of the purists who thinks that anti-poverty money should be spent on the poor instead of such items as tennis courts for Chevy Chase the richest community in the United States, or if you are one of

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

The Pittsfield High band (Varsity) has been completely changed this year with the coming of a new director, Mr. Floyd Lancia. The band has practiced many hours and made many outstanding accomplishments as many of you may have witnessed at football games and at parades. In addition to progress in marching we have also progressed in the field of the concert band. Both the type and the quality of the music we play has changed. The members of the band are very proud of their accomplishments.

I feel that the band has not been given enough credit. Most school newspapers publish much material concerning their bands. It seems that the students at other schools are a lot prouder of their bands than are the students at Pittsfield High. We put more time into the band

than is put into many other activities at P.H.S.; but still we receive no recognition. We are not the best high school band, but we are a lot better than many others. We do expect the support of the students at the school but we sure do not have it. Why can't the "In General" start a column and publish the activities and functions of the band? If this was done, the students might become aware of the activities of the band.

On May 14 the band will compete in the Western Massachusetts Music Festival in Longmeadow, Mass. The band, orchestra and chorus will hold a music festival on May 27 at P.H.S. Maybe if some of the students at Pittsfield High attended the concert they would realize the progress that the band has made.

AVIS KERNAGAHAN

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Track Team Strongest Ever

Baker, Greulich Lead Generals

by Bernie Rosenblum

The PHS track team is possibly the strongest team representing the school this year, and also, is the strongest track team in Western Mass. One look at the record bears this out. Pittsfield is so far undefeated in competition with other schools and also gave the best showing of any school in a relay carnival.

They have their victory skein to twenty straight dual meet wins and 39 out of their last 40 with a 96-26 victory over Berkshire and a 103-28 annihilation of West Springfield. Pittsfield also dominated the Dr. George C. Steele Memorial Relays at East Longmeadow by taking 5 firsts, 440, 880, mile, and two mile relays and the discus, one second in the high jump, and 2 thirds in the distance medley and broad jump.

Already Conceded

Area coaches have already conceded the Western Mass. crown to PHS, and Coach Rudy Benedetti, the man who makes the team run, jump, and throw better than anyone else, has his men training for the state meet. The remainder of the track team's schedule is: May 17, West Springfield Invitational; 23, Wahconah Regional at Clapp Park; 28, Western Mass. at Springfield College, June 4, state meet; and 11, New Englands.

Accomplishments

The men behind these accomplishments are the co-captains of the team, Forest Baker and Ulrich Greulich. The versatile Baker has won all of his races so far in the 880 and mile. In the mile against Berkshire Prep he broke his own school record to set the new one of 4.35.5. At the relays he broke the 880 record with a 2 minutes flat clocking. Greulich is also undefeated in his specialties this year, the 220 and the 440 - yard dashes. He also is on the 880 relay team. Other men who have shown up well are John Allen, Bill Bannick, and Larry Hunt in the 100; Pete Vacchina in the 220 and 440; Tom Kirk and Jimmy Giansiracusa in the 440; Bruce Baker and Dick Arienti in the 880;



Examples of Pittsfield's exciting track team are Forest Baker dashing to victory in the 880-yard dash and Paul Germanowski throwing the discus.



Photo by Bill Gleason

Mark Fiegal and Paul Andrew in the mile; and Steve Barrett and Dave Kirkpatrick in the 2 mile. The field events have the area's two best pole vaulters in Tom and Gene Kraay. Gene is undefeated this year, having cleared 11 feet in the first meet and at the relays. The hurdles have Mike Smith as its stalwart. In the meet against West Springfield at Clapp Park, Mike thrilled the hometown crowd as he zipped over the high hurdles in a school record time of 16.2 seconds. In addition to "Smitty," Stokes Hall and John Allen have performed well. The shot-put finds Brent Sorrentino, Donne Marchetto, and Charlie Tiblom as the consistent placers, while the discus has Bruce Bannick, Paul Germanowski, and Barry Clark as point winners. The javelin finds Sorrentino, Dale Mitchell, and Frank Rocca all as potential threats to break the school record. The high jump is no problem with Mike Smith and Johnny Johnson both capable of clearing six feet. Newcomer Jack Giftos has surprised every one with two wins in the first two meets. With runners like Hunt, Kirk, Hall, Giansiracusa and Greulich to choose from, the 880 yard relay team has run Berkshire and West Springfield off the track.

Golfers Drive For WM Crown

by Stan Graves

This year's edition of the PHS Golf Team has the potential to bring many wins back to the high school. Under the expert guidance of veteran coach and golfer Bill Murray and co-captains Pat Moynihan and Bill Wilk, the team looks like a cinch to repeat as Western Mass Champions and then hopefully go on to the State Championships.

Five of the six-man team are lettermen, including Moynihan, Wilk, Dennis Perrone, Michael

O'Donnell, and Ed Foss. Pete Bailey, a transfer student from St. Joe's, completes the roster. The boys play ten matches in Northern Berkshire League competition. Prior to their league action, which begins May 2 against Drury at the Pittsfield Country Club, they had an exhibition schedule including Cramwell, Longmeadow, and possibly Williams College. The Team plays its home matches at the Pittsfield and Berkshire Hills Country Clubs.



Photo by Bill Gleason

Figuring their winning scores are Pittsfield golf stars Ed Foss, at left, and Pete Bailey. The PHS team is coached by Bill Murray.

Sportsman of the Month

by Stan Graves

IN GENERAL is proud to announce that Tom Grieve has been chosen as April's "Sportsman of the Month." Actually Tom could have received this award almost any month of the year, but in anticipation of the baseball season, the newspaper's Sports Staff has waited until now.

Tom's performance in previous PHS athletics this year, namely football and basketball, was consistently outstanding. Captaining the football team, Tom was named to the All-Berkshire and All-Western Mass. Teams

Tom was named to the All-Berkshire second team.

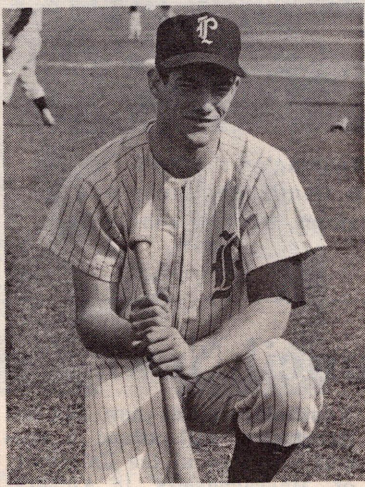
Real Sport

But there is no doubt about the fact that baseball is Tom's real sport. With only a few games of the 1966 season behind him, five wins against no losses, to be exact, Tom has been outstanding all over the diamond. His versatility as catcher, pitcher, and center-fielder however, is only half the story. Batting .500 with 9 hits in 18 official times at bat, 7 RBIs, an on-base average of .773, and two home runs, a triple and a double, Tom's bat has been his impressive weapon. In the remainder of the season many of these figures are sure to rise, notably in the home runs column.

In the future Tom is eyeing a major league baseball career. This summer he will be playing ball in the Cape Cod League and next fall he plans to attend the University of Michigan with a full baseball scholarship.

Large Contribution

Tom has certainly made a large contribution to Pittsfield High athletics. He is, without a doubt, one of the best athletes to graduate from PHS and it will be a long time before anyone forgets his name or accomplishments. It is with great pride that IN GENERAL salutes Tom Grieve.



Tom Grieve

"...any month..."

and also was chosen the outstanding Scholar-Athlete in the Western Mass. Class A League. In addition, he received honorable mention in two national football coaches' magazines. As captain of the basketball team also,

Susan Spotless says:
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL



GAA News

by Nancy Quirk

Last month G.A.A. held a very successful splash party. About forty girls descended upon the Boys' Club for the use of their pool. This month G.A.A. plans an evening of bowling at Imperial Lanes. Girls showing their ability by placing first, second, or third will receive free bowling.

During the past three weeks things have been flying in the girls' gym. The badminton tournament is responsible for this activity. The girls, who have signed up in pairs, play their scheduled matches and are eliminated after losing two out of three games against any one opponent. The play continues until one team emerges victorious. The hopeful girls set their sights on letters for winning the tournament or numerals for reaching the finals.

Cadettes Tour D.C.

by JoAnn Duff

The week of April vacation, 38 PHS Cadettes, juniors and seniors, took their annual trip to Washington, D.C., accompanied by Miss Mac, Miss Gullitnan, and Miss Hearn. Early Monday morning the bus left Pittsfield and arrived at Stones' Motel in Alexandria, Virginia, at about 4 o'clock. For the next few days the girls toured Washington. Some of the highlights included a visit with Congressman Silvio Conte and a tour of the Capitol, a tour of the Library of Congress and the FBI, and visits to Mt. Vernon and Arlington National Cemetery. On Tuesday evening almost all of the Cadettes climbed up Washington Monument, and Wednesday night they attended Dr. Zhivago. The Cadettes will remember their trip to Washington as one of the high points of their years at PHS, and they wish to thank all who helped make it possible.



Party Girl.

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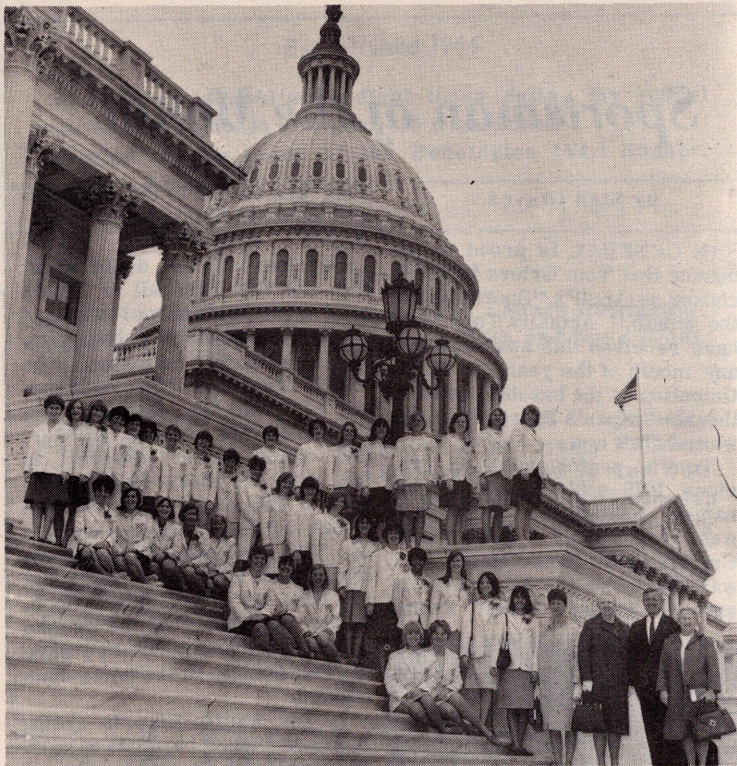
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Beauty at the Capital



During their annual visit to Washington the PHS Cadettes posed with Congressman Silvo O. Conte. The group was accompanied by Miss Helen McNaughton, Miss Elizabeth Hern, and Miss Lauretta Guiltinan.

Student Council News

Student Council vice president Shaun Harrington has been elected vice president of the Western Mass. Association of Student Councils. Harrington, a junior, was elected at the association's spring meeting held in

Westfield. In his new position Harrington will attend a special workshop at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst during August.

The council has sent a letter to Superintendent of Schools James Reynolds and to the School Committee stating that the student body is in favor of comprehensive exams. Contents of the letter were read at a recent council session and were approved. Council president Stan Graves was asked to give a copy of the letter to this paper for publication, but refused saying that he did not feel it should be released.

The council has decided to continue its scholarship program and is hoping to hold a car wash to raise money.

Curbing

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the reactionaries who wonders where all the money that Uncle Sam gives away is going to come from you will not get much sympathy. More and more people are busy finding out what fun it is to get something free from Uncle Sam.

What we would really like to see is a bill to subsidize the underprivileged taxpayer.

Final Flurry For Seniors

by Mary-Ellen Garvey

June 19 is graduation day. It is a day we seniors look forward to with mixed emotions of relief and nostalgia. Suddenly the fact that our high school years are ended will be a reality. Seniors are now in full swing preparing for those events which will mark the end of our high school careers.

First will come the classplay, "You Can't Take It With You," starring Mike Curley, Lisa Bertocci, Sue Grady, Phil Rosen, Mike Grover, Tom Finn, Gloria Fry and Bill Winslow.

Next, on June 11, is the reading of the class will and the planting of the tree, better known as Class Day. Chairmen Ernie West and Mary Garvey plan a new twist this year — movies! Working with them is Mrs. Solnica and according to Ernie and Mary, "things are really moving along."

Before we know it, it will be June 15. While the girls are making mad dashes to their hairdressers and the boys are still worrying about what kind of flowers to order, the big night arrives.

First, the banquet, where the assembled senior class will dine on chicken hosted by chairmen Carole Collins and Jim Caffrey. And then — it's "The Twelfth of Never." Chairmen are Cathy Porter and Jim Giansiracusa, who we know will plan a wonderful time for all.

All at once it is June 19, and our class will assemble one last time. Each of us will receive our diploma and our yearbook, The Dome, the result of nearly a year's work by Editor Kris Eklund and her dedicated staff. Then it's all over — three years, which for each of us have held something different and which none of us will ever forget.

Generally

Speaking

by Dave Glodd

We have had the good fortune to watch rehearsals for the senior class play, "You Can't Take It With You," and are happy to report that the show is destined to be a smash. The reason for this success is not a group of actors destined for Broadway, instead it is one very active director. Jayne Mooney is more than a voice from below the stage, she is more than an automatic machine barking out directions. She is an active person who becomes the actors' friend. Jayne's wit and ability to always join in are her greatest tools. As director, Jayne is busy.

Jayne keeps plenty busy with her work at the Riggs Foundation in Stockbridge where she handles and directs the theatre and teaches physical education. She is also the workshop director for the new Berkshire Theatre Festival.

You say it was too cold for sailing in April. Jayne would disagree. She was out on Stockbridge Bowl and reported that the sailing was "great."

Juniors — unite — you better grab this year's director for next year before she commits herself to another production.

Speaking of dramatic presentations. We were interested to note Margo Miller's concern (Berk-

shire Eagle, Lively Arts, April 5) over the fact that not one Berkshire County school was represented at the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival. So via this paper may I say . . .

Miss Miller we are very sorry that we were not represented at the Drama Festival in Boston. The problem, and I speak only for PHS, is that we don't have a drama department. It's not that no one is interested in drama, it's just that the school has never organized a drama department and, as a matter of fact, (please brace yourself) we don't even have a drama club.

Miss Miller, by the time you are an old lady and are still reviewing you'll find at least a few of the Young Berkshire set at the Festival.

If we are going to give the theatre the run this month let's talk about the new Berkshire Theatre Festival which will open its first season on June 21 at the Berkshire Playhouse in Stockbridge. The first production will be Thornton Wilder's "The Skin of Our Teeth" and will star Anne Bancroft.

The new theatre is a regional theatre effort and will bring many of the finest actors to the Berkshires. The program is worthy of everyone's support and any student who wants to see a show as good or better than Broadway should make the Theatre part of his summer.

"Through A Looking Glass" on "Twelfth of Never"

by MaryRose Eramo

The Senior class prom committees headed by Cathy Porter and Jim Giansiracusa have chosen for their theme "The Twelfth of Never." Their prom will be on the night of June 15th and before the dance, all of the senior couples will attend the annual banquet which, this year will be held at the Boys' Club Lighthouse. As usual after the prom most of the seniors

will go to the Bubble Room where they will be able to bowl, swim, dance and eat from one to five.

For June 3rd, the Junior class will decorate the gym for a night of "Wonderland Through A Looking Glass." This theme will be created by the various committee chairmen under the direction of Sandy Harvey and Roger Douillet. After the dance, the juniors will also attend the Bubble Room from one to five.



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